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COMPLETE LIBERATION OF RUSSIA IS APPROACHING

Marshal Stalin's Victory Speech

ALLIED AID FACILITATED RED ARMY'S STRIKING SUCCESSES

MOSCOW, Nov. 6: **"The day of reckoning is approaching. The war has reached a stage when we can foresee the complete expulsion of the invaders from our land," declared MARSHAL STALIN in a confident speech to the Moscow Soviet today, on the anniversary of the Soviet Revolution.**

Declaring that the Red Army had played havoc with the German plans to redeem their shattered prestige, Marshal Stalin said the results achieved by the Red Army this year had changed the entire situation.

In a fine tribute to his Anglo-American Allies, Marshal Stalin acknowledged that the Allied bombing of Germany was something like a Second Front, and added that their regular supply of arms and equipment had facilitated the success of the Russian summer offensive.

Marshal Stalin said: "However great his efforts, the enemy has not succeeded this year in gaining any serious success. This is the first time during the war that our troops have succeeded in carrying into effect a great summer offensive against the German troops which has resulted in the German Fascist troops reeling before our blows and being forced to abandon occupied territory.

"They have been forced to seek safety in flight, abandoning large quantities of armaments, equipment and wounded. Thus the success of our summer campaign during the second part of this year represents a continuation and development of our earlier winter campaign successes.

"Now the Red Army has inflicted powerful blows on the German troops during the summer, the fable that the Red Army cannot conduct a successful summer offensive may be considered as definitely buried.

"The past year has shown that the Red Army is as capable of a successful summer offensive as of a winter offensive. This year is significant because for the first time the Red Army has carried out a summer offensive as a continuation of the preceding winter offensive.

"On the Central Front alone, our troops have advanced about 1,200 kilometres (750 miles). They have liberated a million square kilometres of territory and advanced from Stalingrad to Kherson.

GERMAN PLANS FOILED

"The defeats suffered by the Germans during the past 12 months have demonstrated that the fighting value of divisions cannot be reconstructed by an increase in their numbers.

"The Germans were never able to recover from the Stalingrad defeat. If the battle of Stalingrad had predetermined the defeat of the German Army, the battle before Kursk placed it in a catastrophic position. The Germans hoped to be able to win back what they had lost and also redeem their shattered prestige in Europe. The Red Army played havoc with those plans.

"In the past year, the enemy has lost over 4,000,000 men, 25,000 tanks and 40,000 guns. The Fascist Army differs greatly from what it was at the beginning. Last year, there were 240 German divisions facing the Red Army; this year there are 257."

Reviewing the war on the Russian Front, Marshal Stalin said: "Ever since we started scoring big victories the enemy has been unable to show a single success. The past year has been a truly crucial year.

"When our summer offensive began, the enemy, in an attempt to avoid encirclement, abandoned stretches of territory and arms. Our offensive went on. The past year has proved that we can beat the enemy in summer as well as in winter.

"At present the Red Army is engaged in defeating the enemy on the west bank of the Dnieper. At the beginning, the Germans had sufficient army groups but now their forces are very much watered down.

ARMS PRODUCTION INCREASED

"Our summer campaign has shown that the German "total mobilisation" failed whereas our forces grew steadily. The successes of the Red Army are bound up and supported by the splendid work of the entire Soviet peoples.

"During the whole war all our industries have increased their production. We have not only managed to cope with the task of shifting our entire industries to the east, but have also increased our production figures and the Red Army is and has been all along well supplied with thousands of tanks and other weapons from workers in the rear. The socialist economy has created a large number of "Heroes of production."

"The Germans at one time could boast of superiority in the number of their tanks and aircraft. This superiority has now disappeared. The peacetime output of our towns and villages has already been completely transformed in the war output. The rural population has achieved heroic results.

"In spite of the loss of vital agricultural areas, the food supplies of the Red Army and of the population and the supply of our industries with raw materials has not abated. The Soviet State will come out of the war even stronger than it was at the beginning.

"The retreating Germans are devastating our country. The Soviet people will not forgive them for their attempts to undermine our regime and will demand that they should redeem these crimes.

"This year, I say it again, has been the most crucial year of the entire war. The results achieved by the Red Army have changed the entire situation.

TRIBUTE TO ALLIES

"Friendship and collaboration with our Allies has been strengthened greatly as can be seen by the outcome of the Moscow conference. The victory of the Allies over their common enemy has been brought nearer. The relations between the Allies and their comradeship in arms have, contrary to the enemy's expectations, far from being weakened been strengthened. An eloquent testimony to this is to be found in the historic decisions of the Moscow Conference of representatives of the Soviet Union, Great Britain and the United States, which were recently made public.

"The United Nations are full of determination to deal the last blows to the enemy which will lead to final victory. This year the blows dealt by the Red Army at the German Fascist troops have been supported by the military operations of our Allies in N. Africa, in the Mediterranean and in S. Italy.

"At the same time the Allies have subjected and are still subjecting important industrial centres of Germany to large-scale air bombing, thus substantially weakening the military might of the enemy. By this our efforts are being facilitated. This is something like a Second Front. We hope that a real Second Front will not be delayed.

"If we add to this that the Allies are also regularly supplying us with arms and equipment, we can say without exaggeration that by all this they have considerably facilitated the success of our summer campaign.

SECOND FRONT

"Of course, the present operations of the Allied armies in the south of Europe cannot be regarded as a Second Front. It is obvious that the opening of a real Second Front in Europe, which is not far off, will considerably speed up victory over Hitlerite Germany and will strengthen still further the comradeship in arms of the Allied nations.

"The misdeeds of the Germans display the desperation of doomed men. The more hopeless their position becomes the more they indulge in atrocities and looting. Our people will not forgive the German monsters their atrocious crimes. We shall bring the German criminals to book."

"The Allies are determined to deal decisive blows against the enemy.

"The anti-Hitlerite coalition stands on a firm foundation. Already the defeat in the east and the blows of the Allies in the west are shattering Germany. Already Italy has completely fallen out of the war. The other satellites of Hitler want very much to leave the ranks."

FIVE TASKS OF ALLIES

Marshal Stalin stressed 5 tasks facing the Allies.

1. To liberate the peoples of Europe from the yoke of Hitlerism.

2. To give the liberated peoples the right and freedom to organise their state life in accordance with their own wishes.

3. Heavy punishment to be meted out to those responsible for crimes and atrocities.

4. The establishment in Europe of an era which would exclude the possibility of a new German aggression.

5. The establishment of a durable cooperation of peoples for the restoration of the areas which have suffered under the German Fascist yoke.

"The Red Army and the Soviet people," Marshal Stalin said, "have achieved great successes but this does not mean that they can rest on their laurels for the final victory will not be achieved easily and will yet demand hard fighting.

"Victory does not come of its own. It only comes of fighting. Victory is now near, but to win it a great concentration of force is necessary—self-sacrificing work in the rear and skilful and determined action by the Red Army at the front.

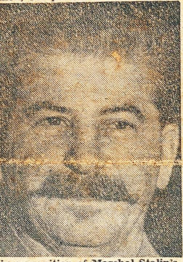
"All these achievements will be as nothing to the Soviet peoples, temporarily under the Fascist yoke, or to the peoples of Europe, groaning under the German yoke, if we do not take advantage of all possibilities for speeding up the enemy's rout.

"The enemy must be given no respite. That is why we must strain all our forces to strike a death blow at the enemy. It is now clear that the day of reckoning is approaching. The war has reached a stage when we can foresee the complete expulsion of the invaders from our land.

"The time is approaching when White Russia and the Ukraine will be cleared of the enemy, and also the Crimea, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania and Moldavia, and the Karelian-Finnish Republic will be free."

ORDER OF SUVOROV FOR MARSHAL STALIN

MOSCOW, Nov. 6: **Moscow Radio tonight says that the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet has decided to confer the Order of Suvorov, First Class, on the Marshal of Soviet Union, Joseph Stalin. The honour**



is in recognition of Marshal Stalin's "successful leadership of the operations of the Red Army in its struggle for liberation, and of the successes achieved."

NO TURNING BACK UNTIL VICTORY

Eisenhower's Message to U.S. Forces

ALGIERS, Nov. 6: Gen. Eisenhower, Allied Commander-in-Chief, has addressed a personal message to all men and women of the American forces in the N. African theatre on the anniversary of the initial landings in N. Africa. He says:

"During the year just past you have written a memorable chapter in the history of American arms. You have worked in friendly cooperation with the Armies, Navies and Air Forces of our Allies and have established in foreign lands a reputation for decency and dignity.

"You are just as surely the protectors and supporters of American democracy as your forefathers were its founders. From my heart I thank each of you for the services you have so well performed. All of us salute with reverence the memory of the comrades we have lost, but we must now look forward because there can be no thought of turning back until our task is fully accomplished.

"We are on the mainland of Europe carrying the battle daily closer to the vitals of the enemy. More and more of our Allies will continue to follow steadily into the fight.

"With the powerful Russian Army pounding the enemy in the east and with the growing forces seeking out and penetrating the weak spots of his defences from all other directions, his utter defeat—if not yet definitely in sight—is certain.

VICTORY OVER JAPAN

"Victory, likewise, will be ours in the far off Pacific where Allied forces are already on the offensive and where unconquerable China, awaiting the time when the full power of the Allies may come to her assistance, continues to defy one of the most powerful and vicious of our enemies.

"Our Allies march forward with us. God and justice fight on our side. With high courage let us redouble our efforts so that we may the more quickly recross the seas to our own homeland with the glorious word that the last enemy stronghold has fallen, and with the proud knowledge of having done in our time our duty to our beloved country."

Gen. Eisenhower has also sent a message to Admiral John Cunningham, Gen. Alexander and Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Tedder, saying: "If you deem it proper I will be grateful if a copy of this message could be sent also to each member of the British forces."

Two E-Boats Damaged in Naval Action off Holland

LONDON, Nov. 6: The Admiralty announces that while on an offensive sweep off the Dutch coast during the night of Nov. 3-4 British light coastal forces encountered a group of German E-boats off the hook of Holland. The Germans attempted to withdraw at a high speed but were brought to action, and two were severely damaged. Later, encountering a German convoy, under both close and outer escorts, one German trawler was set on fire, and is considered to have been destroyed and a second was set on fire and last seen out of control.

Hits were also scored on a medium-sized supply vessel which burst into flames. One British light coastal craft was severely damaged, and had to be sunk by the Royal Navy. All other British ships returned to harbour Some suffered slight damage and slight casualties

RUSSIAN TROOPS OPEN UP THE ROAD TO POLAND

Significance of Recapture of Kiev

BATTLE FOR THE CRIMEA BEGINS WITH RED ARMY LANDINGS

LONDON, Nov. 6: **KIEV, capital of the Ukraine, and the mother of all Russian cities, is back in Soviet hands. The third largest city in the Soviet Union, Kiev was captured by the Germans on Sept. 22, 1941.**

No further important natural defence now lies in the path of the advancing Red Army before the Polish frontier is reached, some 120 miles away.

Kiev has railway links with all the principal cities of the western provinces of the Soviet Union. Four main lines converge on the city, and, during the navigational season, there is steamer communication along the Dnieper between Kiev and Kremenchug and Dnepropetrovsk.

In a special Order of the Day announcing the recapture of Kiev, Marshal Stalin says: "Troops of the First Ukrainian Front, as a result of swift operations and by a bold bypassing operation, at dawn today carried by assault Kiev, capital of the Ukraine. Kiev is a most important industrial centre, and was a strong centre of German resistance.

"With the capture of Kiev, our troops now have the most important bridgehead on the west bank of the Dnieper, favourable for further expulsion of the Germans from that part of the Ukraine on the west of the river."

Tonight's Soviet communique, after repeating Marshal Stalin's Order of the Day regarding Kiev, says: "The enemy suffered very heavy losses in both men and equipment. Continuing their successful offensive, forces of the First Ukrainian Front advanced and captured the town of **VASILKOV** and over 60 other inhabited localities."

Vasilkov is 18 miles S.-E of Kiev, on the local railway. It is on the road to Byelaya Cherkov, which lies another 21 miles to the south.

Moscow today is delirious with joy cables Reuter's Special Correspondent in Moscow. At dawn today—on the eve of the 26th anniversary of the October Revolution—Red Army troops stormed into burning Kiev, and liberated the famous city. Moscow, scarlet with banners and decked with portraits of Lenin and Stalin, was tense with expectancy all through the morning. Soon after midday, loud speakers in the Red Square blared forth this great victory news in an Order of the Day from Marshal Stalin to Gen. Nicholas Vatutin, victor of Stalingrad, Orel, Byelgorod and Kharkov.

As Moscow thundered to the greatest salvo of victory guns of the whole summer and autumn campaign (24 salvos from 324 guns), it remembered how, on this day two years ago, the Germans were 70 miles from its gates.

The German position at Kiev had been hopeless since the Russians resumed their assault two days ago. The Russians fought their way in from the north and west against desperate opposition. They found all the main buildings of the city in flames, and its streets littered with burning debris and piled with German dead

The failure of the German High Command to hold Kiev, in spite of the advantages they enjoyed in communications and defence position, suggests that they will be unable to halt the Red Army at any point in the present defence line.

The way is now wide open for a Russian thrust south-west towards the Bug and Dniester rivers where the Germans may secure a much-

needed respite to re-group their forces. But the winter is nearly upon them.

INSIDE DNIEPER BEND

All troops in the Kherson-Dnepropetrovsk area are now exposed to a new menace of encirclement much further to the rear. These troops under Gen. Manstein, by forced marches and great sacrifices of men and material, have twice narrowly escaped being surrounded. It remains to be seen whether they will escape the

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Our son, our Bhasker, died in serving others, his country, and king.
"Oh God, give us the strength and faith to go on."

(Inserted by Capt. G. D. Gnanamuthu, L. M. & S., A.R.P. Casualty Officer, and family). C-1360

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APPLICATIONS ARE invited from candidates for admission to the free training class, proposed to be conducted at the Central Co-operative Institute, 24, Royapettah High Road, Madras, in Co-operative Salesmanship and Account Keeping. The course of training is for a fortnight commencing from 10th November, 1943. No fee is charged. Employees of Co-operative Stores Societies and those seeking employment in Co-operative Stores Societies may apply. Admission is restricted to candidates belonging to Madras, Chingleput, South Arcot, North Arcot and Chittoor districts. The candidates should have read in the high school classes. Applications should reach the PRINCIPAL, Central Co-operative Institute, 24, Royapettah High Road, Madras, on or before 9th November, 1943. 6847

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Apply between 9 a.m. and 12 noon. JAMES RAE, 10, Babington Gardens, Kilpauk. 6781

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APPLICATIONS ARE invited to reach the undersigned on or before 10th November, 1943, for the post of a Commercial Instructor in the Board High School, Rajampet, in the scale of Rs. 30—2/2—50 from candidates holding a Technical Trained Teacher's certificate of the Higher Grade in Typewriting and Book-keeping.

(Sd.) P. RAGHAVA REDDY,
President, District Board, Cuddapah.
Cuddapah,
dated 4th November, 1943. 6786

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REGISTERED Woman Medical Practitioners for the posts of Woman Sub-Asst. Surgeons at Tiruchendur and Kayalpatnam on Rs. 65—5/2—120 grade. Applications giving particulars about age, qualifications, nationality and experience, should reach this office by 15th Nov., 1943.

P. MUTHUSWAMI REDDIAR,
President.
Tinnevelly District Board Office,
Dated 23rd October, 1943. 6777

APPLICATIONS ARE invited for the following posts which will shortly be vacant:—

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Applications, stating age, nationality and experience, with copies of testimonials, should be sent to the PRINCIPAL, Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi. 6725

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WANTED—Chief Agents for Madras Presidency for the sale of scientific apparatus to educational institutions and laboratories. Preference will be given to an established business house in some central and important place and to one who has knowledge and experience of this line. Touring of the area for a specific period in the session will be essential. Kindly apply to:—HARGOLAL & SONS, The Science Apparatus Workshop, Ambala Cantt. 6818

NOTICE

MADRAS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.
SPECIAL TESTS AND DEPARTMENTAL TESTS EXAMINATIONS, DECEMBER, 1943.

IN VIEW of the prevalence of Plague in Coimbatore which is one of the centres at which the Special and Departmental Tests (written) examinations are to be held in December, 1943, candidates for these examinations, who have chosen Coimbatore as their centre, will be permitted to appear at Salem or any other centre specified in the Commission's notifications, dated 18th Aug., 1943, provided they give notice to the Secretary, Madras Public Service Commission, so as to reach him on or before 15th Nov., 1943, specifying the name of the fresh centre chosen.

Candidates who do not wish to change from Coimbatore centre are advised to get themselves inoculated against Plague at least 15 days before going to Coimbatore for the examinations. 6780

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS
TESTAMENTARY & INTESTATE JURISDICTION
O.P. No. 242 of 1943.

In the matter of the goods of Robert Bertram Ramsay, deceased.
Herbert McDouall Small .. Petitioner

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that application has been made to the High Court of Judicature at Madras for a grant of Letters of Administration, with a copy of the Will annexed, dated the 15th day of November, 1940, to the estate of Robert Bertram Ramsay, late of Diddywell, Northam, in the County of Devon, England, a Rear-Admiral, who died at Bideford in the said County on the 10th day of February, 1942, to Herbert McDouall Small, a partner in the firm of Messrs. King & Partridge, Solicitors, Madras, residing at No. 18, Victoria Crescent, Egmore, Madras, one of the duly constituted attorneys of Midland Bank Executor and Trustee Company Limited of 27/32, Poultry in the City of London, England, the sole executor named in the said Will of the said deceased.

The gross value of the estate of the said deceased in British India has been sworn at Rs. 76,230-8-9 and the net value thereof at the same figure.

Dated this 6th day of November, 1943.

KING & PARTRIDGE,
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8TH ARMY TAKES VASTO

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5TH ARMY CROSSES THE GARIGLIANO RIVER

LONDON, Nov. 6: Today's communique from Allied H.Q. in N. Africa says: "The 8th Army continued to make good progress all along its front. The enemy was forced to withdraw, and is using many mines and demolitions in attempts to hold our advancing troops. **VASTO**, on the east coast, was captured, and further inland Sessano was occupied.

"The 5th Army made further important advances. **VENAFRO** was captured (as already reported in yesterday's *Mail*), and more commanding positions occupied. In the coastal sector, forward elements have crossed the Garigliano River."

The capture of Venafro means that, with **ISERNIA** already in their hands, the Allies have full and firm control over the best lines of lateral communication in South and Central Italy. Venafro lies 13 miles S.-W. of Isernia on the main lateral road and railway from Capua, and 7 miles E. of the main inland road and rail route to Rome.

By the capture of **VASTO**, the 8th Army has advanced 7 miles beyond the Trigno River. This town has a population of 17,000 and stands on the road and railway which serves the entire length of the Adriatic coast. Sessano is 6 miles E. of Isernia, on the main lateral road to Vasto.

Reuter's Special Correspondent at Allied H.Q in N. Africa cables that the 8th Army in the central sector have also captured **DURONIA** (3 miles N.-W. of Torella and 7 miles W. of Sessano), and **PIETRACUPA** (3 miles W. of Torella) on the main trans-Apennine road to Montefalcone. The Germans have thrown in elements of the newly-arrived 350th Division into the northern sector of the 5th Army Front, and the 5th Army now has 5 German divisions opposing it.

GERMAN POSITION CRACKS

The 8th Army has cracked the German position along the whole left of its line, and is pressing forward on the heels of the retreating Germans. By the capture of Vasto—a 5-mile advance from San Salvo—Gen. Montgomery's right wing has pushed back the enemy's front only a few days after the 5th Army had done the same thing at other end. The left half of the 8th Army has pushed forward at an average of 1½ miles per day across strenuously-defended country to capture 3 villages in a line, stretching N.-E. for 15 miles from Isernia.

Venafro's capture completes the annihilation of the entire central hinge of the German Front. The Allies now hold almost 20 miles of the main lateral road here.

British patrols of the 8th Army's left wing, after crossing the Garigliano River in the plain north of Massico, are exploring hill positions to the north. In this southern sector, the enemy's previously spirited activity has flagged off noticeably in the past 48 hours.

The German-controlled Rome Radio today broadcast an order by F.-M. Kesselring, threatening death or hard labour to anybody who failed to disclose to the German authorities any information they possess concerning the whereabouts of German Army deserters.

Today's Allied communique regarding air operations says: "Heavy bombers of the N.-W. African Air Forces attacked a railway bridge at Facconara Marittima, and the marshalling yards nearby. Light bombers attacked a bridge and road junction near Atina. While fighter-bombers and fighters were over the battle area, and attacked troop concentrations, motor transport, and bridges. During the night of Nov 4, light bombers attacked motor transport and highways between Rome and Terni. The airfield at Nettuno was bombed, and hits were observed on buildings and sheds. From all these operations, one of our aircraft is missing."

A CASUALTY LIST

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4: U.S. Secretary for War, Mr Henry Stimson, today announced that total British, American and French casualties since the landing in Africa on Nov. 7, 1942 up to Oct. 29, were slightly under 100,000. He estimated the Axis casualties at 600,000, including 40,000 killed, 19,000 wounded and 468,055 prisoners.

AUSTRALIAN MINISTER TO MOSCOW

CANBERRA, Nov. 5: Mr J. J. Maloney has been appointed Australian Minister to Moscow, it is announced by the Minister for External Affairs and Attorney-General, Dr Evatt.

TENDER

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THE CHIEF ENGINEER invites sealed tenders for the "Reconstruction of 11 laterite bridges on the West of India Portuguese Railway."

Tender forms with schedules giving full particulars of work, instructions to parties tendering and conditions of contract can be obtained on application to the Chief Engineer's Office, Park Town, Madras, on payment of Rs. 10 each which will not be refundable.

Each tender must be accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 500. Intending tenderers can obtain information as to the approved quarries and see any plan necessary at the office of the District Engineer, M. & S. M. Railway, Mormugao.

Tenders should be superscribed "LATERITE BRIDGES — W. I. P. RAILWAY," and submitted so as to reach the Chief Engineer, Madras, not later than 12 noon on 20th Dec., 1943. 6844

VATICAN CITY HIT BY BOMBS

Official Report of Damage

LONDON, Nov. 7: Vatican Radio, on Saturday night, read the following official statement published in the *Osservatore Romano*: "The Vatican City has been hit by bombs. Last night at 10-30, four bombs were dropped by an aircraft which flew at a low level over the Vatican City. Bombs fell in a diagonal line running from the Observatory to the railway station. One bomb fell in the railway station. Fortunately, there were no casualties. A mosaic workshop received a direct hit, and suffered considerable damage. Considerable damage was also caused to the Governor's Palace. We most deeply deplore this violation of the Vatican City, whose neutrality—recognised by all—safeguards the freedom of religion in the world."

REPUBLICANS AND U.S. PRESIDENCY

Forecast of Success

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6: The sensational results of this week's crop of by-elections have shaken the country with the realisation that President Roosevelt's 11-year-old New Deal Administration may conceivably be defeated next autumn. Even the merest whisper of such a possibility has had the most profound effect in political quarters on Capitol Hill, where the first doubts of the vote-winning magic of President Roosevelt's name is beginning to stir among the Democratic Party men.

Republicans, naturally, are jubilant as the clean sweep by Republican candidates in the Gubernatorial and Mayoral races have exceeded even their most optimistic hopes. They hail the result as primarily a vote against the Administration's Home Front policies which, they now openly proclaim, will be converted to a thorough-going Democratic rout in the Presidential election, whether the war is over or not.

The most significant feature of the results was the apparent loosening of President Roosevelt's grip on the border State of Kentucky, which may foreshadow a break in the traditional Democratic allegiance of the "Solid South."

Scarcely less notable was the weakness of the President's labour following in Detroit, Philadelphia, and New York. With the farm vote generally considered already lost, failure of organised labour forces to check the Republican surge lends importance to the recent signs of the Administration courting other groups, such as women voters, racial minorities, and Servicemen overseas.

But Democrats are drawing comfort from a number of factors which certainly should not be overlooked in any sober analysis of the situation. They point out that the Republicans have had local successes in the past, but these have failed to influence the electorate when the time came to send President Roosevelt back to the White House. Such victories have been regarded as "slaps on the wrist" for the Administration, rather than expressions of a general desire to oust the New Deal from office. It is a reasonable suggestion that many people, who would still vote for President Roosevelt, took the opportunity to show their displeasure of certain features of the Administration without fatally crippling it.

Paradoxically, the warnings from Kentucky and elsewhere are likely to strengthen President Roosevelt's position within his own party hierarchy, since it is now fairly clear that the Democrats cannot afford to do less than back their best men.

SWEDISH REPATRIATION LINER

PORT ELIZABETH, Nov. 3: The Swedish repatriation liner, *Gripsholm*, carrying 1,600 Americans, Canadians and Latin Americans, returning from Japan, berthed here soon after sunrise today.

The *Gripsholm* arrived off the harbour last night, but, excited at the prospect of going ashore in complete freedom, few passengers slept for more than an hour or two. They said there was acute shortage of food and medical supplies in the Philippines, Shanghai and Northern China. There were about 6,000 British and American civilians interned in Shanghai and Northern China, and 5,000 in the Philippines.

CIANO REPORTED AT LIBERTY

CHIASSO, Nov. 5: Count Ciano, Mussolini's son-in-law, is reported to have been seen at liberty in Venice. He has several times been reported under arrest, for alleged opposing Mussolini at the last meeting of the Fascist Council.

American Gratitude to Russia

Roosevelt's Policy of Friendship Bears Fruit

NEW YORK, Nov. 6: The New York *Times* today referring to the anniversary of the Soviet Revolution said: "The mass of Americans have reason to be glad that our Ally on the Eastern Front today is a people who work and fight magnificently and not a corrupt and inept Govt of Romanoffs, and they may rejoice in the programme of friendship with Russia which President Roosevelt undertook a decade ago.

"It is now contributing to the great United Nations' victory. Our friendship goes to the Russian Govt and people who have met us half way in an agreement to fight this war through to victory and to establish and maintain a just peace afterwards."

TWO JAP CRUISERS SUNK

Another Heavy Raid on Rabaul

AMERICAN BOMBERS POUND JAP CONVOY

LONDON, Nov. 7: Today's communique from Allied H.Q. in the S.-W. Pacific reports that Allied aircraft have sunk two Japanese cruisers. Eight other cruisers were also hit.

Twenty-six Japanese aircraft were shot down in the accompanying air actions. Eighty-two tons of bombs were dropped on Rabaul.

The communique says: "Our night reconnaissance units in the Bismark Sea off Kavieng (New Ireland) attacked and sank an enemy cruiser with three direct hits, and bombed a destroyer in convoy. One of our aircraft is missing. Our heavy reconnaissance units from the S.-W. Pacific scored direct hits which disabled a 10,500-ton enemy tanker north of Nassu Island, and left a large cargo vessel on fire and listing.

"Our Air Forces struck at the gathering enemy reinforcements at Rabaul. Opening the action, our Naval aircraft from the right wing, consisting of divebombers, torpedo-bombers, and fighters, attacked enemy warships in the harbour. Our Army aircraft from the centre, consisting of heavy bombers and fighter escort, later attacked the township and waterfront installations. In the first attack, five heavy cruisers, a light cruiser, and two destroyers were hit by torpedoes and another light cruiser was hit by bombs. One of the heavy cruisers was observed to blow up. The extent of damage to the other could not be observed.

"In a second attack, 82 tons of explosives were concentrated on warehouses and waterfront areas, causing explosions and huge fires near the oil and coal wharfs. The entire area was blanketed with flames rising several hundred feet from burning fuel dumps, buildings, and supplies piled high near the wharf. One merchantship tied to a copra wharf was hit and set on fire. Over 70 fighters intercepted our Naval air units; 24 were shot down, with 22 more probable. Only 20 enemy aircraft could be mounted to stop our Army units. Two of these were shot down, and two more probably destroyed. Eight of our Naval aircraft did not return to their base, and one of the Army fighters is missing. A number of our aircraft was damaged.

THE SOLOMONS SCENE

"One of our fighter patrols shot down 6 enemy fighters off Wewak (New Guinea). One of our heavy reconnaissance units bombed and strafed a 1,000-ton cargoship.

"Our torpedo and divebombers attacked the Kahili airfield (the Solomons) with 48 tons of explosives, scoring hits on the runway and dispersal points, gun positions and in the Bivouac areas. One of our aircraft was shot down.

"Our heavy units dropped 92 tons of high explosives on the Buka airfield (the Solomons) with good effect. Our fighter patrols executed sweeps along the coast of Matchin Bay and set on fire two small cargo ships, sinking three barges, and damaging numerous other coastal vessels. Enemy ammunition positions around the bay were hit and silenced."

AMERICANS POUND JAP CONVOYS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6: Hundreds of American bombers were reported tonight to be pounding a Japanese fleet of 53 warships, transports and cargo vessels moving towards the Japanese base at Rabaul, in New Britain, in five convoys. Unofficial quarters in Washington expect that U.S. surface craft will try interception, but so far no reports of any naval action have been recorded.

135,000 RUSSIAN CITIZENS SHOT

German Atrocities in Smolensk

LONDON, Nov. 7: Moscow Radio today issued a statement by the State Commission on German atrocities dealing with Smolensk. The statement, which is based on eye-witness accounts and documents, declares:

"The Commission has established that in the town of Smolensk and the environs, the German Fascist beasts tortured to death and shot over 135,000 war prisoners and peaceful citizens."

The statement adds that the Commission has established the names of 1,327 people, who have been shot, and says: "Witnesses from several villages stated that in July, 1942, the German invaders were shooting the population of Smolensk for a whole day on the outskirts of the forest. On that day, over 2,000 were killed."

CRIMINALS NAMED

Moscow Radio, on the authority of the State Commission investigating German atrocities, today named 16 Germans responsible for the deaths of "more than 135,000 Soviet war prisoners and peaceful citizens" in and near Smolensk. Among them are Maj.-Gen. Naumann, Chief of the Gestapo; Senior-Lieut. Tormann, Director of Police; Senior-Lieut. Schmitt, Senior Gestapo Examiner; Capt. Meyer, Military Commandant of Smolensk, and Hans von Schwetz.

REPAYMENT FOR LEND-LEASE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5: The Trumann Committee has recommended to the Senate that consideration should be given to seeking some repayment from Britain for Lend-Lease shipments. The Committee has recommended that if Britain cannot pay in dollars for petroleum, some thought should be given to acquisition by the U.S. of British held reserves in Asia and S. America. It added that the U.S. had to supply rubber to Britain, because Britain had not built up an adequate stock.

Sports News

2 FAVOURITES WIN AT BOMBAY

Racing Season Begins

BOMBAY: The Bombay Racing Season began today with the 1st Winter Meeting. In a card of 8 events, only 2 favourites won. The Double Pool event was abolished this year, but the Treble Pool returned a dividend of Rs 142-8.

THE HOPEFUL PLATE. 1 mile 1 fur. GUIDING STAR, 8-12 Dawood 1; MACDONALD, 9-4, cd 7-13, A. Ahmed 2; MUHANNAD, 9-4, cd 8-11, Khalil 3; MAJNUN ANWAH, 9-0, cd 8-7, Hanuman Singh 4. Non-starters: Vienna, Iraq Marshal and Princess Hamiyah. Won by sh.-hd. 3 lgths, ½ lgth. Time: 2 mins 10 secs. Tote: Rs 71 win; Rs 27, Rs 17 and Rs 47 places. Favourite: Macdonald.

THE EPSOM PLATE. 6 furs. LIONESS, 8-7, Jones 1; BLUE WATER 8-7, Sibbritt 2; PRINCESS MARY 8-7, Marrs 3; NECESSITY, 8-7 Evans 4. All ran. Won by ¾ lgth sh.-hd, 1 lgth. Time: 1 min. 20 2/5 secs. Tote: Rs 58 win; Rs 19, Rs 24 and Rs 35 places. Favourite: Necessity.

THE LYALLPUR PLATE Div. II. 1 mile. PRINCE FARUQ 8-4, Stead 1; BLANDFORDETTE, 8-9, Marrs 2; INJUSTICE, 8-7, Jones 3; BOSWELL 8-2 cd 7-11, H. Mahomed 4. Non-starters: Devas Luck and Happy Note. Won by 1 lgth, 1 lgth ½ lgth. Time: 1 min. 44 3/5 secs. Tote: Rs 44 win; Rs 18, Rs 13 and Rs 27 places. Favourite: Blandfordette.

THE LYALLPUR PLATE Div. I. 1 mile. ROYAL BLOOD, 9-4, Britt 1; STARAYA-RUSSA, 8-0, Raffaele 2; PROMINENT, 8-9 McQuade 3; PASSING BELL, 8-7 Sibbritt 4. Non-starters: Dark Destiny Firouze and Scottish Star. Won by sh.-hd, sh.-hd, nk. Time: 1 min. 46 4/5 secs. Tote: Rs 20 win; Rs 14, Rs 27 and Rs 25 places. Favourite: Royal Blood.

THE MOHAMMERAH PLATE. Div II. 7 furs. BARQ AL ILAH, 8-0 Brace 1; CAN YOU, 9-4, West 2; SHANGHAI, 7-11 Sibbritt 3; NIGHT HAWK, 8-9 cd 8-2, Raut 4. Non-starter: Khazanchi. Won by ½ lgth ½ lgth ½ lgth. Tote: Rs 75 win; Rs 24, Rs 33 and Rs 39 places. Favourite: Sidi Barrani.

THE NOVEMBER PLATE. 6 furs. LEJONG, 9-4, McQuade 1; HAUT TON, 8-2 Stead 2; LIMEJUICE, 7-7, Khade 3, SO THAT'S THAT 8-0, Marrs 4. All ran. Won by 1½ lgths, 2½ lgths, hd. Time: 1 min. 14 2/5 secs. Tote: Rs 47 win; Rs 18, Rs 15 and Rs 25 places. Favourite: Haut Ton.

THE ROYSTON PLATE. 7 furs. ROYAL PAGE, 8-3, Marrs 1. ORANGE FLOWER, 9-0 Britt 2. PROMENADE, 7-12, Stead 3. LOTHARIC 8-0. Meekings 4. Non-starters: J'Ecoute, Flutter, Alarm and No Wonder. Won by sh. hd; ½ lgth; nk. Tote: Rs 26 win; Rs 13, Rs 17 and Rs 23 places. Favourite: Royal Page.

Orange Flower finished 1st, but on objection for bumping Royal Page was placed 2nd.

THE MOHAMMERAH PLATE. Div. I. 7 furs. JOWDAT AL IRAQ 8-2, Raffaele 1. SAHRAN, 8-2, Md Khan 2. JASSIR, 8-0 cd. 7-7, Raut 3. NIBRAS, 8-7, Stead 4. Non-starters: Legion II and Sagir Dahman. Won by ½ lgth; ¾ lgth; neck. Time: 1 min. 37 3/5 secs. Tote Rs 78 win; Rs 26, Rs 92 and Rs 92 places. Favourites: Amal al Shabab and Nibras.

Mauriello Beats Savold

NEW YORK, Nov. 6: At Madison Square Garden, Tami Mauriello (Bronx) beat Lee Savold of New Jersey in a 10-round fight on points. Both boxers are contenders for the "interim heavyweight championship." Mauriello, scaling 13 st. 8½ lb., was conceding 2 lb.

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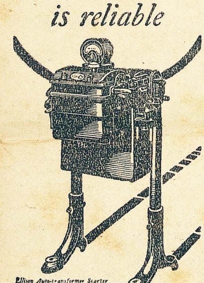

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ANOTHER SCOTTISH DEFEAT

Great Game by Carter

LONDON, Nov. 6: Scotland, brilliantly led by their Captain, Massie, veteran Aston Villa right-half, showed something like the old fighting spirit in an effort to regain some of the country's lost prestige at Hampden Park today, but a powerful R.A.F. eleven gained a 2-1 win.

A crowd of more than 50,000 saw the Airmen, who fielded 10 internationals, score in the 25th minute through Carter, Sunderland inside-right. There were plenty of thrills, but lack of finishing power spoiled the promising Scottish moves, while Carter and Drake, Arsenal centre-forward, both narrowly missed scoring.

The Scots pressed hard on resumption, and after Marks, the Arsenal goalkeeper, had saved hard drives from Massie and Baxter, Fagan, the Liverpool centre-forward, equalised off a pass from the promising Hibernian right winger, Gordon Smith. It was not until 10 minutes from the finish, that Smith, Brentford left winger, put through a pass which enabled Drake to score the winning goal. Carter was the star of the R.A.F., who were well led by their new Captain, Frank Soo, the Stoke City right-half of Chinese descent. The 18-year-old Celtic half-back, Macdonald played a great game for Scotland in keeping the elusive Matthews fairly quiet.

There was some high scoring in League games. Everton claimed the biggest total. Tom Lawton, England centre-forward, was in grand form, getting 5 goals. Lawton's effort was bettered by the Huddersfield forward, Price, who scored 7, which was the best individual performance since Livingstone of Wrexham scored a similar number in September.

Sunderland retained the League North leadership, but the Villa are in hot pursuit. Wolverhampton did well to beat Coventry, Aldecoa, the Spanish winger, getting both the goals.

Queen's Park Rangers retained the lead in the League South. West Ham's equalising goal coming only 2 minutes from the finish. During the netting of the ball, Brown, Rangers' goalkeeper, was knocked out, and did not regain consciousness until some minutes after the game.

The Arsenal outplayed Chelsea, although the loser's international goalkeeper, Jackson, was obviously unwell. He left the field on the trainer's orders when the team was trailing 0-5.

The Rangers are a step nearer winning the 5th wartime League Championship. They beat Albion Rovers comfortably at Coatbridge today, while their chief rivals, Hibernian and Dumbarton, both lost. Raith Rovers, with a smart away win, lead the Scottish North-Eastern League, but they have only a one point margin over Dunfermline and Hearts.

Football League (North): Aston Villa 4, Northampton 0; Blackburn 1, Blackpool 1; Bradford 6, Leeds 1; Bury 2, Bolton 3; Chester 3 Liverpool 1; Everton 9, Tranmere 2; Gateshead 2, Bradford C. 1; Halifax 1 Doncaster 0; Hartlepools 2, Darlington 1; Huddersfield 8, Crewe 0; Leicester 0, Derby 1; Lincoln 4 Grimsby 0; Manchester C. 2, Manchester U. 2; Mansfield 0, Sheffield W 2; Middlesbrough 1, York 1; Notts C. 0, Notts F. 1; Rochdale 3, Burnley 1; Rotherham 3, Barnsley 1; Sheffield U. 1, Chesterfield 0; Southport 0, Oldham 1; Stockport 1, Wrexham 0; Stoke 3, West Brom. 3; Sunderland 4, Newcastle 2; Walsall 2, Birmingham 4; Wolverhampton 2, Coventry 1.

Football League (South): Arsenal 6, Chelsea 0; Brentford 0 Tottenham 2; Fulham 6, Brighton and Hove 2; Luton 2, Clapton Orient 1; Millwall 5, Charlton 2; Portsmouth 4, Aldershot 1; Southampton 5, Reading 3; Watford 2, Crystal Palace 4; West Ham [illegible] Queen's Park R. 1.

Football League (West): Bath 2, Aberaman 3; Cardiff 1, Bristol C 0; Swansea 1, Lovell's A. 7.

Scottish (North-Eastern): Aberdeen 5, Dundee U. 1; Dunfermline 5, East Fife 0; Falkirk 3 Raith Rovers 5; Rangers 1. Hearts 2.

Scottish (Southern): Albion Rovers 1, Rangers 5; Celtic 2, Motherwell 1; Hamilton 4, Queen's Park 2; Hearts 3, Dumbarton 0; Morton 2, Clyde 4; Partick 3, Hibernian 1; St Mirren 3, Falkirk 3; Third Lanark 2, Airdrieonians 3.

Glasgow and District: Dumbarton 1, Motherwell 2

Northern Ireland: Cliftonville 3, Distillery 1; Derry City 2 Glentoran 1.

Irish Friendly: Linfield 1, Belfast Celtic 5.

Friendly Match: Norwich 5, Navy XI 2.

Representative Match: Scottish XI 1, R.A.F 2.

Easy Win for Coventry

LONDON, Nov. 6: The following are the Rugby Union results: Guys Hospital 12, Wasps 6; St Thomas Hospital 0, Welsh Guards 27; Aldershot Services 14, Royal Aircraft Establishment 3; Bath 16, North Bristol 0; Bristol 11, Cardiff Medical Students 19; Cambridge University 13; St Bartholomew's Hospital 3; Cheltenham 3, St Mary's Hospital 3; Coventry 49, R.A.F. 3; Nuneaton 18, R.A.F. 0; Oxford University 13, Rosslyn Park 21; Rugby 8, Leicestershire Harlequins 3; Sutton 6, Royal Australian Air Force 14.

Representative Matches: South-Eastern Command 15, Civil Defence Services 25; Scottish Command 20, Northern Command 17.

OPPOSITION TO CONNALLY MOTION

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6: Opposing Senator Connally's resolution, which was passed by the Senate as reported in yesterday's *Mail*, for post-war international collaboration, Senator Langer, of N. Dakota, bitterly denounced any League of Nations, contending that the U.S. would have to support territorial designs of other nations, even though it should be against her own interests. His State of N. Dakota, Senator Langer said, was almost unanimously against the Connally resolution. The U.S. should not act until it had more information about the Moscow Conference, what each country wanted at the peace table, and what secret treaties had been signed.

Russo-German War

RED ASSAULT IN THE DNIEPER BEND

Enemy Position Hopeless

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third cast of the Russian net, now closing behind them.

With Gen. Tolbukhin now in complete control of all land south of the Dnieper estuary, a gulf of only 3 miles separates the Russians at Forstadt from the Germans at **OCHAKOV.** Russian guns are mounted along the 50-mile coast of the estuary from Forstadt to Goloya Pristan, and already a number of enemy vessels has been forced to turn back to **KHERSON.**

The Stockholm paper, *Afton Tidningen*, says that the Germans are evacuating Kherson. At the same time, the defeated remnants of the German 6th Army are trying to reach the town by all possible routes. They are crossing the Dnieper in canoes and small boats. It is estimated that over 10,000 have been drowned in trying to swim across the river to escape Gen. Tolbukhin's Cossacks.

Complete catastrophe threatens the whole German Front in the Dnieper Basin, said the German-controlled Scandinavian Telegraph Bureau tonight. "The Russians are launching as many as 18 separate large-scale attacks daily, and are gaining territory, compelling the Germans to throw in reinforcements time and again," the Agency added "It seems now that the only question is of time before the terrible Soviet pressure completely swamps the whole German defence."

Regarding operations in the Dnieper Bend, tonight's Soviet communique says: "S.-E of **NIKOPOL**, on the East bank of the Dnieper, our troops were engaged in repelling counter-attacks launched by German infantry and tanks. Heavy losses in manpower and equipment were inflicted on the enemy.

"In the Dnieper Bend, S.-W of **DNEPROPETROVSK,** our troops repelled attacks launched by large forces of enemy infantry and tanks. In the course of these battles, the enemy sustained heavy losses in manpower and equipment."

LANDING IN THE CRIMEA

It is also officially announced from Moscow that the Russian troops have landed north-east and south of KERCH, in the Crimea.

Tonight's Soviet communique says: "Recently, troops of the North Caucasian Front, in cooperation with the Black Sea and Azov Sea Fleets, effected landings N.-E. and south of Kerch. N.-E. of Kerch, our troops broke the enemy's resistance, occupied a number of inhabited localities, including Mayak and Zhukovka, and created a bridgehead six miles wide and 3½ miles deep.

"S. of Kerch, our troops were engaged in repelling numerous enemy counter-attacks, all of which were repelled with heavy enemy losses

IN THE OTHER SECTORS

Regarding operations in the other sectors, tonight's Soviet communique says: "West and S.-W. of **NEVEL** (White Russia), after overcoming enemy resistance, our troops continued fighting engagements of local importance capturing several inhabited localities and two railway stations.

"In the other sectors of the front, there was reconnaissance activity and exchanges of mortar and artillery fire. On Nov. 5, on all fronts, our troops disabled or destroyed 141 German tanks; 67 German aircraft were shot down."

A GERMAN CLAIM

The German Overseas News Agency today published a "summary of the last four months' fighting on the Eastern Front." It said that the 'Russians have suffered a total of three million casualties"—one day after Moscow announced the German casualties as 2,700,000.

DEATHLESS PAGES OF HISTORY

Roosevelt Greets Russia

WASHINGTON, Nov. 7: President Roosevelt, in a message to President Kalinin on the 26th anniversary of the founding of the U.S.S.R., says that the Soviet people have written "deathless pages of history" in the struggle against the Axis.

The message says: "The anniversary of the founding, 26 years ago, of the U.S.S.R. falls this year at a time when freedom-loving peoples everywhere are dealing fateful blows at the enemy who has dared to attempt to enslave and oppress them. On the battlefield, and by growth of cooperation and single-mindedness of purpose, members of the United Nations are driving the forces of aggression towards irreparable defeat.

"Allow me, on this day, to congratulate you, the people and leaders of the Soviet Union, and to express the deep admiration of myself, and my countrymen, for the magnificent manner in which the Red Army has hurled back the invaders. To the Red Army and the people of the Soviet Union belong eternal honour and glory. They have written deathless pages of history in the struggle against tyranny and oppression. Their example and sacrifice are an inspiration to all the forces joined in the common struggle for victory. In the spirit of unity, made even more evident in the agreements recently concluded at Moscow, the United Nations will overthrow the forces of aggression, and establish and maintain a just and enduring peace."

EX-AUSTRIAN MINISTER GOES TO TURKEY

NEW YORK, Nov. 5: An Associated Press report from Ankara states that the former Austrian Foreign Minister, Guido Schmidt, has arrived there from Vienna. The newspaper Gumhuriyet suggested that Schmidt may have come there to assist the Allies in freeing Austria.

Finance and Commerce.

PEACE PSYCHOLOGY ON WALL STREET

Kiev's Recapture Tells

NEW YORK, Nov. 6: Wall Street opened irregular and moderately active and selling pressure slackened further, but buying was equally lax. Scattered Rails and Industrials led by Atchison, Great Northern, Standard New Jersey, Bethelem General Motors, and Nickel displayed mild recovery tendencies, while Aircrafts and other assorted armaments were inclined to recede. Douglas Aircraft and Dow Chemical touched new low levels for the year, and profit-taking dented the recent buoyant American distilling. The recapture of Kiev by the Russians kept peace psychology alive deterring many potential purchasers from extending commitments, with more good earnings and dividend hopeful. Small gains and losses were evenly divided near the close, which was irregular.

WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Nov. 6: Stock Exchange opening prices: General Motors \$51⅞; Anaconda Copper Mining \$25¼; U.S. Steel Corpn Common \$52½; Pref unquoted.

CHICAGO GRAINS

CHICAGO, Nov. 6: In the Chicago grain market, prices, after an initial hesitancy, rallied on improved demand from commercial interests, covering by previous short sellers and technical considerations; while peace rumours which have dominated trading for the past two days were less pronounced

Rice for Travancore and Cochin

NEW DELHI, Nov. 6: It is understood that arrangements have been made to despatch 8,000 tons of rice immediately to Cochin and Travancore to relieve the rice position in those States.

PATRIOTS ORGANISE IN FRANCE

LONDON, Nov. 6: Reuter's Special Correspondent in Algiers, cables: The bitterness with which the struggle is being carried on in all regions of France shows the progress made in perfecting the resistance organisations. The Underground Central Council is regularly pursuing its activities, despite liaison difficulties and more stringent police measures. Official terrorism was recently decreed on the orders of the Gestapo. Attacks and acts of sabotage are of daily occurrence. Resistance organisations, particularly in certain vital provinces, have gone through a very exacting course of training, under the control of instructors, former officers dismissed by the Vichy Govt. or professionals in some sports.

Particularly significant is the increasingly large number of women in these secret fighting formations. In two of the most important centres of patriotic activity, women resisters carry out extremely delicate missions, which are fraught with constant danger. Generally, they are very young, but among them are found housewives with grey hair. Presidents of working parties, mingled with students or women anxious to avenge husbands in prison, or sons sent to Germany.

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LOFTY EXAMPLE OF SERVICE

City Tributes to Rt Hon. Sastriar

MADRAS: Sir M. Venkatasubba Rao, on Saturday evening at the Ranade Hall, Mylapore, unveiled a portrait of the Rt Hon. V. S. Srinivasa Sastriar, Sir N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar, presiding.

Messages were read at the meeting from Tej Bahadur Sapru, Sir Mirza Ismail, Sir T. Vijayaraghavacharya, Sir C. P. Ramaswami Ayyar and Sir P. S. Sivaswami Ayyar.

Sir N. Gopalaswami Ayyangar referred to Mr Sastriar's oratorical gifts. Mr Sastriar was guided by high principles and selfless devotion to great causes, and firmly believed in restraint, modesty and moderation. As Agent to the Govt of India in S. Africa he brought about a better understanding between the two races. The speaker then referred to the three open letters which Mr Sastriar had addressed to the Secretary of State for India, the Viceroy and Mr Gandhi and added that a man of Mr Sastriar's stature, and eminence should be reduced to the position of having to communicate with the powers that be by open letters was not the least grim of the grim tragedies of the present day public life in India. His letters conveyed a solemn warning to those who persisted in their error, and, in the anguish of a lascerated soul, pleaded for a change of heart in words that would melt even a stone.

Concluding, the speaker said that Mr Sastriar had set a lofty example of service and sacrifice and constancy to noble ideals.

Mr G. A. Natesan, Chairman of the Memorial Committee, also spoke.

INTERNATIONAL FIGURE

After unveiling the portrait amidst applause, Sir M. Venkatasubba Rao said that Mr Sastriar was an international figure who had won admiration not only in India, but abroad. He had been the interpreter of Indian thought to the west and he had exalted India in the eyes of the world and raised her stature and status. If at a council table a new world order was to be evolved who could better represent India than Mr Gandhi and who was there among the people of India to second Mr Gandhi's efforts with distinction than Mr Sastriar?

Mr K. Balasubramania Ayyar accepted the portrait on behalf of the South Indian National Association and the Ranade Library.

The Hon. Mr Justice N. Chandrasekhara Ayyar proposed a vote of thanks.

Opportunities for Air Force Trained Students

MADRAS: Presiding over the prize distribution function of the first batch of university students, who had completed their training in Air Force, on Saturday, Dewan Bahadur Dr A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar, Vice-Chancellor Madras University said that the training they had undergone would open for them vast fields of usefulness and service even after the war. They would be sought to fill positions of trust and responsibility. He hoped that they would acquit themselves ably and well, befitting those occupying, as they did, the vanguard of the fighting forces.

He announced that the 2nd course would begin on Dec. 10, and unlike the first batch the students joining the second batch were given the option to undergo training as pilots or as technicians.

Mr P. T. C Sastri, Pilot Officer in charge of the students said that at the outset, 24 students attended the course, but at the conclusion, there were only 13. Mr R. Radhakrishnan, of the Loyola College, won the first prize.

MADRAS A.R.P. THE BEST IN INDIA

Adviser's Tribute

MADRAS: A glowing tribute to A.R.P. workers for rescuing and feeding people during and after the recent floods in the city was paid by Sir Hugh Hood, Adviser to the Governor, on Saturday when he distributed the Gopalaswamy Cup for the best A.R.P. Wardens' Post in the Madras Civil Defence Area, and certificates to the best kept posts in each division, at the Mahomedan College, Mount Road.

Sir Hugh inspected a Guard of Honour provided by A.R.P. personnel. Mr H. D. Latham, A.R.P. Controller, welcoming Sir Hugh referred to the great improvement in A.R.P. posts which showed an "amazing amount of industry and initiative."

After giving away the cup, which went to post seven, Orange Division, and the certificates, Sir Hugh congratulated the recipients and said that he had been told that the A.R.P. organisation in Madras was the most efficient in India and, indeed, he would have been disappointed if it were not so. He had always felt that in matters like the A.R.P., and most other matters of administration, it was only proper that Madras should lead the rest of India (applause).

Mr P. Veeraraghavan, honorary warden, on behalf of the Orange Division, said that the success of the post was to a large extent due to the efforts of the paid A.R.P.

Mr E. S. Kannan, Chief Warden, assured the Adviser that the authorities could always count on the services of the A.R.P. in any emergency.

DEPUTATION PERIOD EXTENDED

MADRAS: The period of deputation of Mr M. Varadarajulu Nayudu, Deputy Collector, to the Corporation of Madras, as Personal Assistant to the Commissioner, has been extended by the Govt up to Nov. 15, or till the date of his relief.

WAR HAS BEEN LOST

German General's Letter to Hitler

LONDON, Nov. 6: The commander of the German forces in France and Western Europe, Field-Marshal von Rundstedt has sent a letter to Hitler in which he declared that the war was lost as far as it was humanly possible to judge, says a report emanating from the Field-Marshal's entourage, cables Reuter's Special Correspondent from inside Europe. F.-M. von Rundstedt added that it was incomprehensible to him why Hitler did not resign immediately for the Fatherland's sake leaving eventual peace negotiations to people acceptable to the Allies.

Reports from Germany confirm that a Party conference was recently held at Schaachen, near Lake Constance, but are unanimous in declaring that Hitler was not present. It is stated that it was the first time he had not been informed beforehand of a Party conference. This has caused a great sensation in Germany, where the fact has become public.

Governor Visits Firewood Depots

MADRAS: To study the firewood situation in the city, H.E. the Governor on Saturday morning visited firewood depots in Royapuram, and other divisions, as well as the National War Front firewood depots.

Rationing of fireood is expected to be introduced in the city as soon as the Collector's scheme is ready.

JUSTICE PARTY MEETING

MADRAS: A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Justice Party will be held at Salem in the last week of November to consider the present political situation.

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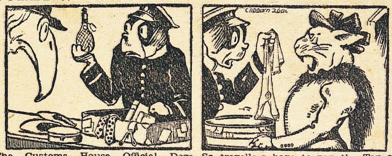

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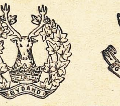

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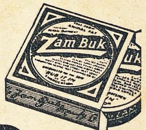

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